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ANNUAL REPORT

---1944---

Of the Vital Statistics,
Sanitary Work, &c.,

By

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" FAIRFORD,"
EXMOUTH.

August 20th, 1945.

To the

**Chairman and Members of the
Budleigh Salterton Urban District Council.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Annual Report for the
year 1944.

Statistics.

		<i>Total. Male, Female.</i>		
Live Births	Legitimate	..... 66	35	31
	Illegitimate	..... 4	2	2
Stillbirths	.....	..... 1	1	

Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population
(3,787 being the Registrar General's estimate), 17.4.

	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Deaths	80	36	44

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 20.1.

Deaths from puerperal causes, Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births, 42.8.

For England and Wales the death rate under one year of age was 46 per 1,000 live births.

Section "C."

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.—The District is provided with a continuous supply of pure potable water ; the chemical and bacteriological analyses, which are made periodically, have been classified as satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

Report on Examination of Sample of Water.

Chemical (Results expressed in parts per 100,000).

Hardness, as calcium carbonate—

Temporary	13.6	Permanent	6.4	Total	.....	20.0
Chlorides as Chlorine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.1
Ammonia, free and saline, as nitrogen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	nil
Ammonia, albuminoid, as nitrogen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.005
Nitrates as nitrogen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.4
Nitrites as nitrogen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	nil
Oxygen (absorbed 3 hours at 37°C)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.013
Metals, Zinc, Copper, Lead, not detected						

Remarks : Sample clear and free from sediment.

Bacteriological.

Probable number of coli-aerogenes per 100 c.c. 5

Conclusions.

This sample is of a satisfactory standard of organic and bacterial purity.

J. CRUICKSHANK,

A/County Bacteriologist.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The water-carriage system is operative throughout the area.

Public Cleansing.

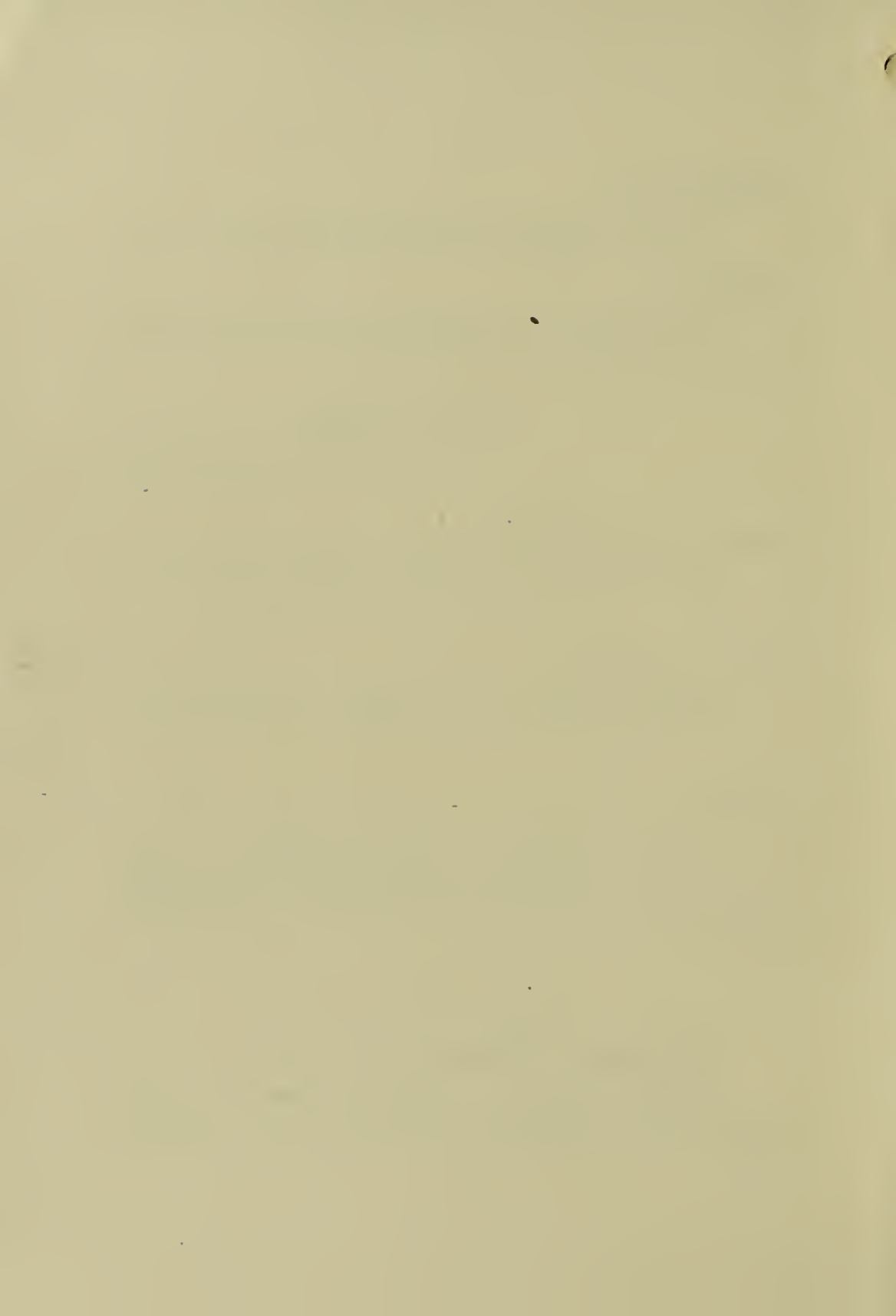
Refuse collection and its disposal is carried out at regular intervals.

Schools.

The sanitary conditions and water supply are satisfactory. Cases of infectious disease are promptly notified. Prevention and dissemination is carried out on the lines of "Memorandum on Closure of and exclusion from School, 1927."

Section "E."**Inspection and Supervision of Food.**

Under this heading periodic inspections were made and Statutory regulations were found to be complied with.



Section "F."

Prevalence and Control Over Infectious Disease.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified in 1944—

Chickenpox	.....	.....	14
Scarlatina	.....	.....	13
Whooping Cough	.....	.....	4
Erysipelas	.....	.....	2
Measles	.....	.....	1
Cerebrospinal Fever	.....	.....	1

Tuberculosis.

Two cases, both females, were notified. The parts affected were the lungs and cervical glands, and the ages 22 and 8 years respectively.

Venereal Disease.

No cases were brought to my notice.

Diphtheria.

Regular monthly sessions were held, the advantages of the treatment being brought to the notice of the public. The attendances were satisfactory. Approximately some 90% of children between one and fifteen years of age were immunised. Two injections, a month intervening, was the method adopted; A.P.T. .2cc for the first and .5cc for the second injection. Strict antiseptic precautions were observed, a separate sterilised needle being used for each patient. No untoward reactions amongst any of the children were recorded.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

C. BEESLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

